ACT IX :
KARAKURI *
THE PRINCESS OF
THE AUTOMATONS

"THE LEGENDARY SHIROGANE"

BLOF

GOOOOHH

LOOK. HERE ARE SOME MORE. THEY'RE YOURS.

NOH

Could you stop stepping on me?

DID I EVER TELL YOU THAT I ONCE HAD A MILITARY LOVER, A LONG TIME AGO?

BRAVO, LUCILLE...

BAP BAP

EVEN IF SHE'S THE GREATEST AUTOMATON DESTROYER ...

SHE'S JUST AN OLD FOOL!!!

OUR GUNS ARE GONNA BLOW THEM FULL OF HOLES!

AND EVEN IF HE'S ALREADY MANAGED TO KILL 200 AUTOMA-TONS IN ONE FIGHT ...

HE'S JUST A PRETENTIOUS BOY!!!

DANCE, MY DEAR OLYMPIA!

DA DA DA DA DA DA DA DA

WE ARE LIVING WEAPONS, CREATED BY AUTO-MATONS !!!

LES ARTS MARTIAUX!*

* MILITARY ARTS

LING

SEIRAC

* RONDO OF DESTRUCTION

"RONDE DE LA DESTRUCTION*" !!!

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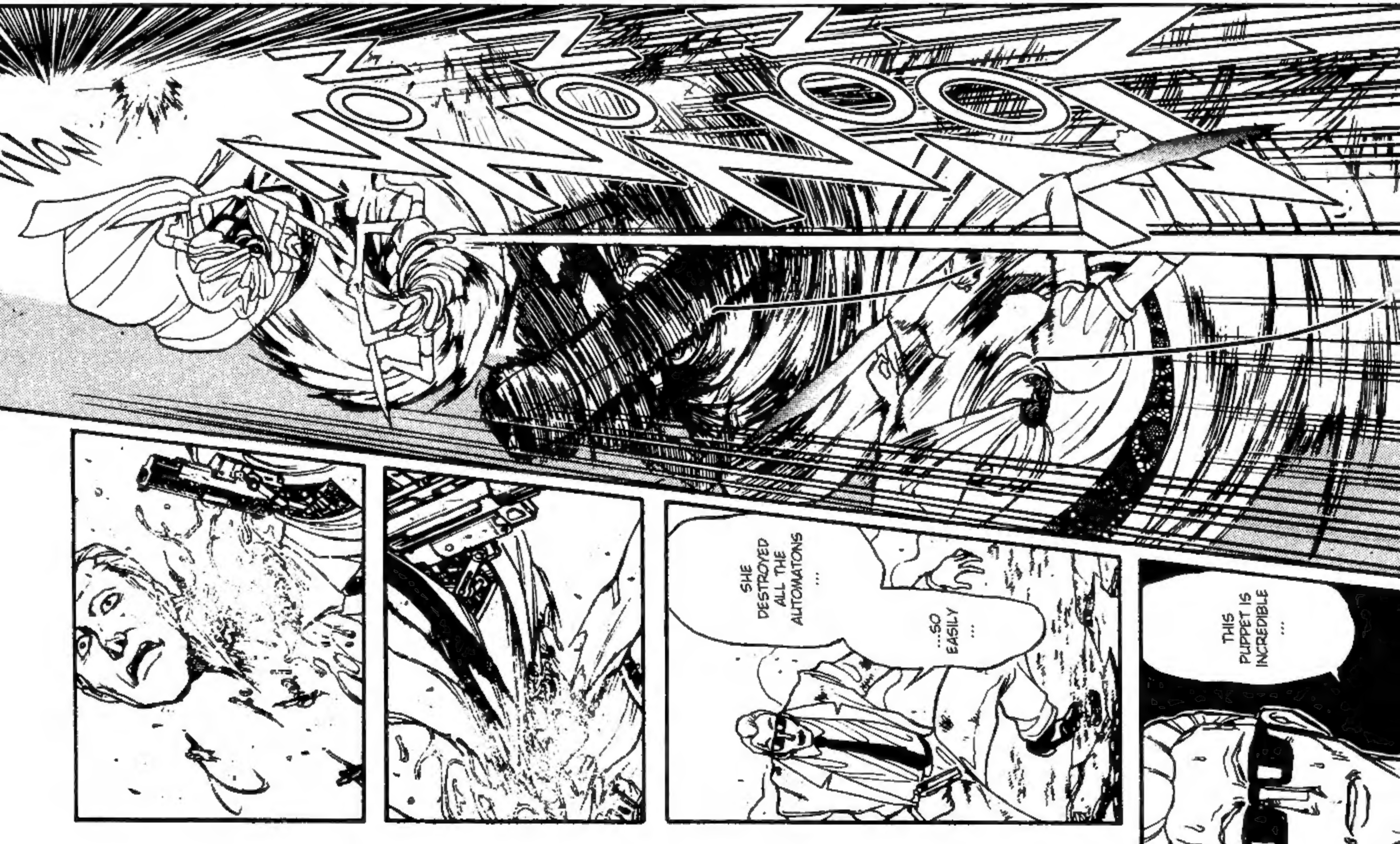
THIS PUPPET IS INCREDIBLE ...
SHE DESTROYED ALL THE AUTOMATONS ...
...SO EASILY ...

ROGER'S BEEN KILLED!
MR. BAINES, WHAT DO WE DO?!
AH!
...WHO ARE THEY?!
I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT...
A MAN WHO MANIPULATES A GIANT PUPPET AND AN OLD WOMAN WHO HANDLES A MACHINE GUN WITH ONE HAND...
MOVE OVER, GUY, OR YOU'LL GET STUFFED WITH LEAD!
BRRA TA TA TA TA
BKOLOM
AAH!
AAAH!

GAN

GA

WE'LL BE THE ONES TO DESTROY THIS OLYMPIA EVERYONE THOUGHT TO BE PERFECT!

HE HE HE!

CLIC CLIC

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NOW THAT HIS PUPPET IS TRAPPED, WE CAN KILL THE SHIRO-GANE WHO MANIPULATES HER!

ONCE THE PUPPET IS DESTROYED, EVEN THE OLD WOMAN WILL...

WE JUST GOTTA KILL HIM!

YEAH!

SAH...

REALLY...

IMBECILE! WE'RE NOT LIKE THOSE WEAK HUMANS!

BULLETS ARE USELESS AGAINST US!

...JUST WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?!

DA DA DA

SAH...

WE TRIED TO REPRODUCE THE STRENGTH OF NARUMI'S BLOWS, THROUGH A ROTATING MOVEMENT AND THE ABILITY OF OUR FIBERS TO ASSUME ANY SHAPE...

ZOOOHH

THE THREADS THAT CONNECT THE SHIROGANE TO HIS PUPPET ARE MADE WITH VERY SPECIAL FIBERS.

WE DID NOT MANAGE TO GET IT COMPLETELY...

WAFLA
FLA

AAAAH!

BLIT...

...IT STILL WORKS PRETTY WELL, DOES IT NOT?

WE GOTTA DESTROY THIS PUPPET, AT LEAST !!!

GUU

SO...

GRRR! WE CAN'T KILL THOSE SHIROGA-NES.

GUPS

HA HA!
A PUPPET WITH SO MANY PARTS AND GEARS HAS GOTTA BE REALLY FRAGILE!

GUY, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!

YOUR OLYMPIA WILL BE DESTROYED!

I KNOW THAT VERY WELL, LUCILLE.

CRAC

CLAC

HEY! IT'S NOT THE TIME FOR THAT ROUTINE!

IF YOUR MAMA COULD SEE YOU SO POW-ERLESS ...

WHAT WOULD SHE SAY?

SHUT UP!

YOU KNOW IT? YOU KNOW IT WELL, HUH?!

YOU ALWAYS LET YOUR PUPPETS GET TRASHED THAT WAY !!!

SOON, THE LEGENDARY OLYMPIA WILL BE...

CLAC CRAC CRAC

HA HA... SOON...

IT'S YOUR TURN, OLYMPIA!

ZA ZA

ZLING

EMBRASSADE MORTELLE DE LA SAINTE VIERGE*

* DEADLY EMBRACE OF THE HOLY VIRGIN

ZAK

WHAT'S HE TRYING TO DO?

SCHLAC

ZZK

WHAT IF THEY WERE EXTRACTED FROM YOUR BODIES?

CLIC CLIC CLI

YOU AUTOMATONS MOVE THANKS TO THESE PSEUDO-VITAL FLUIDS, YES?

VLOTCH VLOTCH

WHAT?!

ZZOOOHH

ZLING

NOOO !!!

AAAH!

GLOP GLOP GLOP GLOP

SPLAT

THEY'RE TOO STRONG... THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE...

TAKE US TO ELISE.

I SUPPOSE ...

YOU MUST BE THE LEADER,

ZAN

AS SHAKE-SPEARE WOULD SAY...

YOU'RE INFINITELY GIFTED...

IN THE MANIPU-LATION OF PUPPETS ...

YOU LOOK LIKE AN EFFEMINATE PLAYBOY, BUT...

YOU STRIKE FEAR IN THE HEARTS OF AUTOMATONS, YOU, THE "SHIROGANE OF SHIROGANES."

"EVEN WITH AN HONEST FACE...

...ONE NEVER KNOWS WHAT HIS HANDS TOUCH." IS THAT WHAT YOU WANTED TO SAY?

BLACKOUT